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1. THE FOLLOWING NEWS ITEM IS REPORTED AS OF POSSIBLE
INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JOR-
GENSEN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C. THIS WEEK. WE HAVE
NOT YET BEEN ABLE, HOWEVER, TO VERIFY ITS CONTENT WITH
MINISTRIES INVOLVED.

2. INDEPENDENT COPENHAGEN DAILY POLITIKEN REPORTED THIS
MORNING (FEBRUARY 21) THAT ECONOMICS MINISTER PER HAEK-
ERUP IN THREE-FOUR HOUR MEETING FEBRUARY 20 OF EXCLUSIVE
CABINET GROUP GOT APPROVAL OF ACTION PROGRAM FOR EC SUM-
MIT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7-8. NEWSPAPER CALLS
PROGRAM THE "HAEKKERUP PLAN" BUT SAYS THAT CONTENT OF
PROGRAM IS BEING KEP HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.

3. NEWSPAPER QUOTES HAEKKERUP AS STATING THAT THE
SO-CALLED LOCOMOTIVE THEORY ACCORDING TO WHICH SOME
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FEW LEADING INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS SHOULD
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PULLING THE WORLD OUT OF RECESSION,
HAS BECOME DATED; THAT IT SERVES NO PURPOSE TO CHARGE
ANY ONE NATION WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RECESSION;
AND THAT UNITED EFFORTS BY ALL NATIONS ARE REQUIRED,
THOUGH OF VARYING SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE. NEWSPAPER IN-
TERPRESTS HAEKKERUP STATEMENT AS CONCESSION TO FRG TO

MITIGATE GERMAN BITTERNESS OVER INTERNATIONAL CIRITICISM OF FRG ECONOMIC POLICY, ESPECIALLY AS VOICED BY TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL.

4. NEWSPAPER FURTHER QUOTES HAEKKERUP AS STATING THAT, CONTRARY TO ORIGINAL INTENTIONS, TRADITION HAS DEVELOPED THAT EUROPEAN SUMMIT MEETINGS ARE DECISION-MAKING AND THAT, THEREFORE, FINANCE AND ECONOMICS MINISTERS MUST UNDERTAKE THOROUGH PREPARATIONS FOR FORTHCOMING COPENHAGEN SUMMIT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WITH WELL-PREPARED AND AGREED BASES FOR DETERMINATION.

5. NEWSPAPER COMMENTS THAT IF EUROPEAN SUMMIT DEMONSTRATES THE DEGREE OF DETERMINATION AND AGREEMENT WHICH MINISTER HAEKKERUP ANTICIPATES WILL RESULT FROM HIS PREPARATIONS, THIS WOULD PRODUCE UNITED EUROPEAN FRONT AT JULY SUMMIT MEETING WITH UNITED STATES, CANADA AND JAPAN.

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